4 April 1985

H.E. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq,
President,
Islamic Republic of Pakistan,
Rawalpindi

Yours Excellency,

Assalamu Alikum,

LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS AND PROFESSIONAL GROUPS AND TRADE UNIONS IN SUDAN HAVE EXPRESSED DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT AT PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S IMPENDING STATE VISIT TO PAKISTAN AND HAVE REQUESTED THE ISLAMIC COUNCIL TO CONVEY THEIR FEELINGS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY. THEY FERVENTLY HOPE THAT IN VIEW OF THE POPULAR OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S RULE NOW SWEEPING SUDAN, HIS DEVIATION FROM THE ISLAMIC COURSE, AND THE LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS ARRESTED BY HIM, WHICH INCLUDES DR. HASSAN TURABI, HIS SENIOR MOST ADVISOR, PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S VISIT TO PAKISTAN WILL NOT MATERIALIZE.

WITH KINDEST REGARDS AND MAY ALLAH BLESS YOU.

SALEM AZZAM
SECRETARY GENERAL
ISLAMIC COUNCIL, LONDON.